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SUBJECT 1. Military Storage Area--Sliven
2. Radio Station, New Bridge,
and Military Activity in Yambol

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Military Supply Storage Area--Sliven

1. A military area was observed west of Sliven just north of the Sliven-Kazanlık highway. A road branches off this highway about 200 meters west of the kilometer marker, which is five kilometers from Sliven, and leads into this military area. This road runs directly north, through a gate guarded by soldiers and up through a gorge in that part of the Balkan Range. The whole area appeared to be enclosed by a barbed wire fence. A small barracks is located near the entrance gate.

2. [redacted] eight small buildings located along this road up the gorge. These buildings each measured about 20 x 10 meters and were very low. [redacted] the floor level of each of them is probably below ground level and [redacted] they are used for ammunition storage.

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25X1Radio Station--Yambol

3. [redacted] the radio station [redacted] is located between the Yambol Airfield and the Yambol-Sliven highway. [redacted] a number of ditches had been recently dug in the vicinity of the small building which houses the radio station. Some of these ditches contained heavy cables, some were recently filled in and others were empty. The ditches appeared to zig zag with no particular pattern or obvious purpose. Behind the small building [redacted] three or four antenna poles. [redacted]

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New Bridge--Yambol

4. A new highway bridge is under construction over the Tundzha River, between Yambol and the Yambol railroad station, about 200 meters above the old bridge.

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25X1 [] this is to relieve the traffic congestion over the old bridge which is very narrow and that each bridge will probably carry one-way traffic.

Military Activity--Yambol

25X1 5. [] large number of Army (including the artillery branch) and Air Force officers about the streets of Yambol. On the other hand, the old barracks of the 29 Yambol Infantry Regiment and of the cavalry regiment traditionally stationed in Yambol showed no signs of any improvement or expansion [] Although there were soldiers present and guards posted about the barracks of the infantry regiment, there was no activity around the cavalry barracks.

25X1 6. [] near the Yambol railroad station the remains of a large flour mill gutted by fire. [] the mill was burned down in the spring of 1953 and [] rumors were extant that it was the result of sabotage although to date no one had been publicly charged with the crime.

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